

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4737

To provide additional funding for State health insurance counseling programs for Medicare part D enrollment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. STARK, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. TANNER, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. CASE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. BOSWELL, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. COOPER, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. BOYD, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BARROW, Mr. BERRY, and Mr. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. INCREASED FUNDING FOR STATE HEALTH IN-**
2 **SURANCE COUNSELING PROGRAMS FOR**
3 **MEDICARE PART D ENROLLMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any amounts other-
5 wise appropriated, there are appropriated out of any funds
6 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated \$100,000,000
7 for fiscal year 2006 to the Secretary of Health and
8 Human Services for grants to States under section 4360
9 of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1990 for the purpose
10 of providing outreach and information counseling and as-
11 sistance with respect to enrollment of part D eligible indi-
12 viduals (as defined in section 1860D–1(a)(3) of the Social
13 Security Act) under prescription drug plans and MA–PD
14 plans under title XVIII of the Social Security Act. Funds
15 appropriated under the preceding sentence shall remain
16 available until expended.

17 (b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding any other provision
18 of law, the amount of funds available for obligation under
19 section 1858(e)(2)(A)(i) of the Social Security Act (42
20 U.S.C. 1395w–27a(e)(2)(A)(i)) are hereby reduced by the
21 amount of funds appropriated under subsection (a).

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